growing nexus between Punjab and Kashmiri militants.

(b) Security agencies deployed there have been taking appropriate action to control the militancy in the two States.

Return of Kashmiri Migrants

2072. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu and Kashmiri migrants in Delhi are willing to go to Jammu and Kashmir provided conditions are created for their safety in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government are creating conditions for starting political process in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether Government are making arrangements for safe return of the Kashmiri migrants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) It is hoped that the migrants will go back to the state with improvement in the situation there. Sustained efforts are being made to contain militancy and reduce the fear of the gun, so that the security environment can be improved.

Various steps such as visits of the Union Home Minister and Minister of State for Home to Jammu & Kashmir, visit of a multi-party Parliamentary team to the Valley, discussions with leaders of different political parties, meeting with some of the former legislators and parliamentarians from the state, have also been taken to activate the political elements and the people so that the political process can be revived.

(c) Appropriate arrangements will be made for the safe return of Kashmiri migrants as soon as conditions become conducive for this.

Plants to counter Militancy in Jammu and Kashmir

2073. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that militant activities are on the rise in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether Government have any contingency plants for countering militancy in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) The level of militant violence in Jammu & Kashmir has continued to remain high. With a view to containing militancy sustained pressure has been kept upon the terrorists. Efforts made in this direction have also yielded results.

The situation is being continuously reviewed and closely monitored at various levels. Simultaneously, a number of other initiatives have also been taken by way of wide ranging dialogues and discussions aimed at activising the political elements in the state and motivating the people to participate in normal life and activity.

Permanent Tribunal to settle the Inter-state Boundary disputes

2074. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a constitutional permanent tribunal to settle the inter-state boundary disputes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) No, Sir.